

1. A nonwoven web comprising a plurality of multicomponent filaments, each of the multicomponent filaments comprising:
  - a sheath region including a first melt-processable polymer; and
  - a core region encased within said sheath region, said core region
- 5 including a second melt-processable polymer and a first additive distributed at a first concentration in said second melt-processable polymer, said first additive migrating outwardly from said core region into said sheath region.

2. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said first melt-processable polymer includes a second concentration of said first additive, said second concentration being less than said first concentration to produce a concentration gradient.
3. The nonwoven web of claim 2 wherein said first concentration of said first additive ranges from about 5% by weight to about 10% by weight and said second concentration of said first additive is less than about 3% by weight.
4. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said first melt-processable polymer includes a second concentration of a second additive differing in chemical composition from said first additive.
5. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said first concentration of said first additive ranges from about 5% by weight to about 10% by weight.
6. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said first additive is a surfactant selected from the group consisting of an anionic surfactant, a cationic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant, and a non-ionic surfactant.
7. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said sheath region and said core region are concentrically arranged.
8. The nonwoven web of claim 1 wherein said core region has an eccentric arrangement with said sheath region.

9. The multicomponent filament of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of core regions within said sheath region, at least one of said core regions including said first additive.

10. The multicomponent filament of claim 1 wherein said sheath region has an external surface and a portion of at least said first additive is chemically active at said external surface, after outward migration has occurred.

11. A method of manufacturing a nonwoven web, comprising:
- heating a first thermoplastic polymer to a flowable state;
- heating a second thermoplastic polymer to a flowable state;
- adding a first concentration of a first additive to the first
- 5 thermoplastic polymer;
- combining the first and second thermoplastic polymers to form a
- plurality of multicomponent filaments each having a sheath region including the
- second thermoplastic polymer and a core region including the first
- thermoplastic polymer and the first additive; and
- 10 collecting the plurality of multicomponent filaments to form a
- nonwoven web.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
adding a second concentration of the first additive to the sheath region, the second concentration being smaller than the first concentration.
13. The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
adding a second concentration of a second additive to the sheath region.